



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0375]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Agreement for Shipment of Devices for Sterilization

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is announcing that a proposed collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Submit written comments (including recommendations) on the collection of information by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: To ensure that comments on the information collection are received, OMB recommends that written comments be submitted to <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under Review--Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. The OMB control number for this information collection is 0910-0131. Also include the FDA docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, FDA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

Agreement for Shipment of Devices for Sterilization--21 CFR 801.150

Under sections 501(c) and 502(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 351(c) and 352(a)), nonsterile devices that are labeled as sterile but are in interstate transit to a facility to be sterilized are adulterated and misbranded. FDA regulations at § 801.150(e) (21 CFR 801.150(e)) establish a control mechanism by which firms may manufacture and label medical devices as sterile at one establishment and ship the devices in interstate commerce for sterilization at another establishment, a practice that facilitates the processing of devices and is economically necessary for some firms.

Under § 801.150(e)(1), manufacturers and sterilizers may sign an agreement containing the following: (1) contact information of the firms involved and the identification of the signature authority of the shipper and receiver, (2) instructions for maintaining accountability of the number of units in each shipment, (3) acknowledgment that the devices that are nonsterile are being shipped for further processing, and (4) specifications for sterilization processing. This agreement allows the manufacturer to ship misbranded products to be sterilized without initiating regulatory action and provides FDA with a means to protect consumers from use of nonsterile products. During routine plant inspections, FDA normally reviews agreements that must be kept for 2 years after final shipment or delivery of devices (see § 801.150(a)(2)). The respondents to this collection of information are device manufacturers and contract sterilizers. FDA's estimate of the reporting burden is based on data obtained from industry in recent years. It is estimated that each of the firms subject to this requirement prepares an average of 37.5 written agreements each year. This estimate varies greatly, from 1 to 218, because some firms provide sterilization services on a part-time basis for only 1 customer, while others are large facilities with many customers. The average time required to prepare each written agreement is estimated to be 4 hours. This estimate varies depending on whether the agreement is the initial agreement or an annual renewal, on the format each firm elects to use, and on the length of time required to reach agreement. The estimate applies only to those portions of the written agreement that pertain to

the requirements imposed by this regulation. The written agreement generally also includes contractual agreements that are a usual and customary business practice. The recordkeeping requirements of § 801.150(a)(2) consist of making copies and maintaining the records required under the third-party disclosure section of this collection.

In the *Federal Register* of March 15, 2022 (87 FR 14540), FDA published a 60-day notice requesting public comment on the proposed collection of information. No comments were received.

FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

Table 1.--Estimated Annual Recordkeeping Burden¹

21 CFR Part	No. of Recordkeepers	No. of Records per Recordkeeper	Total Annual Records	Average Burden per Recordkeeping	Total Hours ²
Record retention, 801.150(a)(2)	218	37.5	8,175	0.50 (30 minutes)	4088

¹ There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

² Rounded to the nearest hour.

Table 2.--Estimated Annual Third-Party Disclosure Burden¹

21 CFR Part	No. of Respondents	No. of Disclosures per Respondent	Total Annual Disclosures	Average Burden per Disclosure	Total Hours
Agreement and labeling requirements, 801.150(e)	218	37.5	8,175	4	32,700

¹ There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

Our estimated burden for the information collection reflects an overall increase of 27,778 hours and a corresponding increase of 6,175 responses/records. We attribute this adjustment to an increase in the number of submissions we received over the last few years.

Dated: August 5, 2022.

Lauren K. Roth,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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